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Pullman Controversy

You have heard all about the Pullman Company court case, but here are some inside financial angles from spokesmen for the Department of Justice. You will remember that when Department of Justice anti-trust action forced the Pullman monopoly to divide its manufacturing interests from its Pullman service, Pullman decided to sell the sleeper service. A group of major railroads made an offer to buy this service but were turned down by Pullman. Soon after that, the Pullman Company received an offer from a group of independent Cleveland financiers who for years have been competing with Wall Street financial monopolists in the field of utility and transportation investments.

Now it happens that these Wall Street financiers, represented chiefly by the House of Morgan and Kuhn and Loeb, also control most of the stock of the major railroads of the country, and the Pullman company as well. These financial houses of Wall Street were considerably disturbed when their younger competitors, who still believe in free enterprise, were about to buy into what had long been a Wall Street monopoly.

What further disturbed the Wall Street crowd was the fact that the Cleveland financiers proposed scrapping thousands of the antiquated, overweight, inefficient Pullman cars now being used and suggested replacing them with new, lightweight, modern equipment which would revolutionize train sleeper travel. Such a reform would force progress on the Wall Street owned railroads, and much of the equipment now in use by these railroads would have to be modernized rapidly.

Wall Street likes dividends much better than it likes change. So the Wall Street bankers quickly put the squeeze on Pullman executives to force a refusal of the Cleveland offer and acceptance of the railroad offer which previously had been refused!

Thus the Pullman Company, which is controlled by Wall Street bankers, was being forced to sell the sleeper service to the railroad

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HOW ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ENDURING? The length of a resolution's survival depends upon the depth of its origins. If it only comes out of the shallow wishes of the mind, its roots soon dry out, but if it comes up out of the deep divinely implanted convictions or anguish of the soul and if you do not strangle it, it will live. Only the things that are touched of God can really change our lives.

IN 1939, when Russia attacked Finland, the Finns were our "noble, brave, little allies" and the Russians were "beasts led by the tyrant of northern darkness." Then Hitler invaded Russia, occupied Finland and forced Finnish cooperation against Russia. Promptly Russia became our "great democratic ally, fighting for freedom" and Finland "the despicable stooge of Hitler." (All the quotations are from speeches by Churchill, Roosevelt, Hull and others.) When the Japanese struck, they were "treacherous sneaks and unspeakable madmen." Now the British and Dutch are using them as allies to kill and subdue the peoples of colonial Asia—peoples who were taking the Atlantic Charter seriously. Recent London reports say, "The Japanese troops are proving to be brave, valiant allies." There, in one paragraph, you may see the whole pattern of deception, the distortion of truth and the vulgar, cheap hypocrisies of war.

X-Ray and Forecast

NEW WORLD IN THE MAKING. The suppression of news and the twisting and coloring of facts keep the American people from realizing the true significance of trends in Asia where the British and Dutch Empire forces are fighting desperately to stem the tide of freedom. The new forms of world struggle which will characterize the next years are clearly shaping up in these areas. Asian populations are vast and resources are great,—a new world is in the making. Here are a few important facts to keep in mind as you read the few sketchy and garbled reports that succeed in slipping through the censorship clampdown which now exists all over colonial Asia!

In several areas in Malaya and Burma, local "soviets" were formed by the native inhabitants to maintain self-government after evacuation by the Japanese. But British, Dutch and French forces moved in, shooting and imprisoning the leaders and otherwise stifling any such attempt towards local self-government along Soviet lines.

However, leftwing movements in France, Holland and England are openly backing the fight for freedom of the Asiatic peoples. Even in Holland the leading Dutch socialists are voicing their support of freedom for former Dutch colonies. The British Labor government is still caught in the grip of a forced compromise with the Empire-ruling Tories, who, while losing the election at home, retain their control of the Empire.

JAPANESE BECOME BRITISH ALLIES. British and Dutch imperial spokesmen have tried to keep secret their use of Japanese troops to help kill and subdue Indonesians. But when American news-

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Nazi Trials

It is becoming evident that very little is being done to bring the German industrial leaders to trial as war criminals. Among the Nazis now on trial at Nuremberg, there is scarcely a single representative of the great financial and industrial monopolists who backed Hitler, financed him and rebuilt the German armed forces. The British authorities have done everything possible to shelter these important Nazi figures.

For instance, of the war-makers only Gustav Krupp, head of the powerful Krupp steel and arms industry, was scheduled for trial. Later, Krupp's advanced age and illness, it was announced, would make it impossible for him to stand trial and face punishment. The American prosecutor, Justice Robert H. Jackson, protested this action on the grounds that Gustav's son Alfred, as the present head of the Krupp firm, could be tried in Gustav's place.

"The Krupps have been responsible for aggressive warfare for 130 years," said Justice Jackson. "The future peace of the world can be menaced by Alfred Krupp."

However, the Krupps, like the other powerful German industrialists, have influential friends in Britain, France and the United States, and Justice Jackson's proposal to prosecute Alfred Krupp met with defeat. This in spite of the fact that the industrialists in Germany were at least as guilty of perpetrating war as the Nazis.

A wide belief is that the British royal family owns Krupp stock. And many British and American industrialists would like to continue their profitable international cartel agreements with Krupp and other German "trusts."

Thus, while the gangster leaders and the Nazi carpet baggers, who did the dirty work for their bosses, face trial, the truly guilty ones continue to go free. The British Army has detained many German industrialists and the British are charged in some American quarters with using this military detention as a means of hiding the German bigwigs from the American authorities who would bring

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group, which is controlled by these same financiers, to prevent the small town competitors in Cleveland from cutting in on their monopoly control! Then, later, other banking firms, which also are under indirect control of the Morgan groups or are collaborators with them, entered the scene and the long and costly court case continued.

That is what has been going on behind all those fancy legal terms you read about in the papers relative to the Pullman case in the United States District Courts.

Morgan Manipulation

Security and Exchange Commissioner Robert E. Healy, a veteran student and authority on public power and light operations, has brought charges against the manipulations of the House of Morgan Wall Street bankers in relation to their utility holdings. Mr. Healy's report comes in his dissenting statement in a decision made by the SEC. This decision, he charges, whitewashes the Morgan bankers' plundering of public service institutions. Mr. Healy charges that the Morgan-controlled Bond and Share Corporation created the Utah Public Service Company in 1912, and that in 1925 Bond and Share transferred to Utah securities and properties which had actually cost only about $15,000,000 but for which Utah paid $58,185,000. Having, in this way, unloaded securities on Utah at more than three times the price the Morgan holding company paid, Bond and Share pocketed about $33,000,000 profit and $33,000,000 of "water" was pumped into Utah's capital. The result was higher rates for the people using the service.

Commissioner Healy charges that all Utah's common stock and part of its preferred stock were based on nothing but that "water," and he explained that Electric Power and Light shared this and other loot after that subholding company was formed in 1925.

Since the Securities and Exchange Commission is letting the Morgan holding companies get away with some of their Utah Company loot, says Mr. Healy, the way is open for them to do the same thing in the case of other operating utility companies which their Bond and Share subsidiary organized and plundered in the past.

Sober Pickets

"Don't drink on the picket line, boys. Conduct yourselves in a manner becoming members of the world's largest and best union." CIO pickets are thus instructed in correct behavior by a mimeographed newspaper distributed to pickets at Detroit plants which have been closed down by the United Automobile Workers' strike against General Motors. According to Detroit reports, the dry ruling is being carefully observed.

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men managed to get the word out, Empire spokesmen stated brazenly that the Japanese troops were able, valiant soldiers. Our State Department is trying to keep the fact hushed up that these same Japanese troops belonged to battalions, formerly used in the Philippines, which fought and killed many American boys. How would GI's who fought these Japanese enjoy reading dispatches from London praising the Japanese as noble, able allies?

CENSORED. Severe censorship has prevented the American people from knowing that British Indian troops have rebelled against their British leaders and in some cases have had to be withdrawn from battle. London tried to play up news that Indian colonials were fighting Indonesians, but when the news backfired all information was suppressed. Indian leaders are vigorously protesting the use of Indian troops in the Indonesian struggle, and the Seamen's Union at Bombay and Calcutta threatens to go on strike over this issue. White dock workers in Australia and New Zealand also have struck, trying to prevent the loading of munitions and supplies for the imperial forces in the Indonesian fighting.

NAZI PATTERN. Reprisals of the British and Dutch against the Indonesians have been carried out along Nazi lines. After generations of brutal oppression by the Dutch, the colonial peoples are now roused to vengeful fury by armed attempts again to repress them. And, as the Czechs, Poles and others did under Nazi occupation, the Indonesians have ambushed Dutch and British imperial forces, have massacred them on several occasions and, as it was in Europe, numerous torturings have occurred. But, as did the Nazis, the British and Dutch have shelled, bombed and destroyed whole towns and villages in reprisal. Reports of these have even appeared in a few of our American papers.

AMERICAN AID. In the meantime, bitterness against America is widespread among the informed peoples of Asia and for justifiable reasons. We are guilty of wide participation in this blatant betrayal of what American boys fought for—a betrayal taking place even before our boys arrive home. We have loaned our ships to the British and Dutch to carry troops and guns to Indonesia, although thousands of American troops wait months for transportation home. We have loaned the Dutch government large sums of money, supplies and munitions, knowing that these resources would be used by the imperial Dutch government to restore domination over conquered peoples. We trained thousands of Dutch fliers and fighters in the United States, knowing their training and talents would be used for the same purpose. The truth of course is that the American people did not do this, but that it was done by that part of the powerful financial interests of America which cooperates closely with European imperial forces and which has complete control over our State Department. And the American taxpayer's money was used without his knowledge and without his consent.

BEHIND NEAR EAST "DISTURBANCE." An international maneuver, stealthy but weighted with tremendous potentialities, is now going on in the Near East. The Russians have been trying to drive a wedge into the Dardanelles which Turkey, backed by British, French and American pressure, has continued to resist. The Soviet has the power to force the issue if it cares to. Britain and France could not stop Russia, and war-weary America would not.

However, the Russians are now following a more adroit plan. They are manipulating affairs in northern Persia (Iraq and Iran join Russian territory) so that by gaining control of these rich areas, they will not only outflank British, French and American pressure on Turkey, but will also gain vast wealth and resources in doing so. If the Russians get to the Persian Gulf, they will in reality have severed the British Empire life line and will have achieved what Britain has fought many wars to prevent. Lights are burning all night in London and Washington over this, although little is being reported beyond the news of "disturbance in Azerbaijan."

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them to trial promptly if they could get their hands on them. Between the Lines has long forecast that few of the top layer Nazi figures would ever be brought to trial.

Another point of interest concerns all the fancy effort being put up by the legal authorities at the Nuremberg trial to prevent the Nazis from bringing into the scene the large number of distinguished and prominent Britishers with whom they were formerly very chummy and who in the past gave the Nazis much sympathetic aid. Great care and time was spent in preparing the trial procedure to prevent it, but the lawyers for the accused Germans have cleverly managed to inject this touchy point into court proceedings. Among the prominent Englishmen whose names are mentioned are several near relatives of Winston Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook, England's leading newspaper publisher, Lord Londonderry, the son of Field Marshal Alexander, the Duke of Hamilton and others. Also some prominent New York bankers have been listed, but a tight hush-hush is being kept on most of the whole affair so far.

DDT Kept Undercover

How selfish motives conflict with the general welfare is revealed by Edwin Kemp, of the Philadelphia Record. Mr. Kemp reported that DDT, the widely-discussed insecticide, has been deliberately withheld from general use for 71 years, at enormous cost to the public but to the profit of large business interests which built up fortunes by marketing cheaper insecticides for larger profits.

DDT was discovered three-quarters of a century ago by Othmar Zeidlar, a young German chemist. It was kept a secret so that it wouldn't kill the market for other products put out by great chemical corporations—the du Ponts and others. Mr. Kemp says:

"The reason why DDT was not used is simple. It wouldn't have paid the people who decide the economic policies of the nation. As for the people themselves, it would have saved both property and life and opened the way for general advances in the level of living."

The Philadelphia editor also points out that less effective insecticides must be used several times daily, whereas, to gain the same results, DDT needs to be used only twice yearly. Had DDT been made available as soon as its formula was discovered, many people who sickened and died from illnesses caused by disease-carrying insects (typhus and malaria, for instance) might have been saved, and it is the belief in some quarters that the scarcity of milk and beef, which caused so much trouble during the war, might have been eased as much as 14 per cent by the use of DDT.

Protestant Movies

A movement of great value and one which is long overdue has at last appeared on the horizon in the annoucement of an organization to promote the interests of Protestant Christianity in motion pictures, through direct production and by stimulation of sympathetic aid in Hollywood studios—the Protestant Film Commission. A committee set up to choose an outstanding motion picture executive to direct this enterprise reports that $1,000,000 will be raised to carry out the plans of the organization.

The films will be rented to churches with the hope that the sum raised will operate as a sort of sinking fund and that the monies derived from rentals will carry the movement forward. The organization plans no censorship of commercial films but will endorse pictures of special appeal to Protestants, and will urge Hollywood studios to use Protestant picture material and stories along the line of Catholic pictures such as "The Song of Bernadette" and "Going My Way."

"We shall contact authors sympathetic to the Protestant point of view," said a spokesman for the Protestant Film Commission. "We shall produce short subjects based on Biblical stories, on the story of the Bible itself, and brief biographies of eminent divines and evangelists. Each of these will be noncompetitive with Hollywood's commercial product."

The major aims of the organization will be to provide films with a distinctly Christian message, to promote and facilitate a coordinated approach by Protestant churches and agencies to the motion picture industry and to suggest to the industry subjects worthy of treatment.

About 40 Protestant church organizations are supporting the movement.

Freedom for C.O.'s

Sixty-two leading clergymen, educators and other professional men recently sent an appeal to President Truman requesting amnesty for the 3,000 conscientious objectors now in prison.

"None of us who signs this letter is a pacifist," said the appeal. "We supported the government loyally in the war and in so doing supported American democracy, which recognizes the claims of conscience and fair treatment of this small minority. . . .

"Many of the men in prison are serving sentences up to five years, which will not expire for a long time to come. The same is true of men convicted by military courts. The men in CPS appear to have assurances of gradual release, but it is uncertain how expeditiously. . . . There are many . . in prison through error of procedure and many men, doubtless sincere, who failed to gain recognition because they did not come within the narrow interpretation of conscience based upon 'religious training and belief'."

OUR GREATEST QUESTION

America has now surpassed all the people who ever lived in the ability to destroy . . . and that is an awful thought if it is allowed to stand alone. Of course we know we became such destroyers because a frenzied enemy dared to strike us. But the memory of man and history will not remain clear on that point. The fury of our power to blast, burn and kill will dominate men's thoughts concerning us—unless we can follow the destruction with the only things that can redeem it from insanity and cruelty. To teach, to heal, to rebuild—that last we must achieve as fully as we have destroyed. But will we put the energy and devotion to those constructive things as we have to fire and steel?

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SLUM CLEARANCE. An important transition which will soon affect all of us is now taking place in American life. For years we have faced the necessity of slum clearance and of lifting the general standard of physical properties of home life in America. Not enough of our citizens realize that progress along this line has been quite generally held up by the large realty operators and the thousands of wealthy owners of low rental properties. Such property often consists of nothing more than unsanitary shacks rented to low pay workers and Negroes at exploitation rates by otherwise respectable people who often sit in the prominent pews of our best churches.

The government has made some progress in the great housing projects which have transformed depressed areas of our cities, but this represents only a fraction of what must be done. However, the unexpected housing need, which has inundated the whole country and is now realized to be a serious post-war condition until adequately met, hurls this question before the nation's attention in gigantic proportions. The government is being forced to step in—and that means some nationalized or "socialized" housing, a concept which some business leaders are hastily preparing to fight bitterly.

Builders and real estate men have been meeting to plan effective opposition to what they consider government intrusion in construction and realty fields, and their alarm is intensified by proposed Congressional legislation for new public housing programs and for restrictive regulations to meet the housing emergency. Most large realty operators believe that some Washington officials want to use the present housing shortage as a wedge to put the United States government into the building business, following the lead of the British Labor government which plans to build, finance and operate new housing.

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Pacifists Are Dangerous

A list of "dangerous Britishers" has been discovered at Gestapo headquarters in Germany. It provides an interesting conclusion. The body of opinion the Nazis seemed to think most necessary to suppress, if they invaded England, was that of the pacifists! All the prominent members of the British anti-war movement are on the list. This is the case with no other movement.

Why should the Nazis believe that those who refused to take up arms against them were dangerous? As the Worldover Press writer who brought this fact to light reports, it is doubtless because the Nazis feared that in England, as in Denmark, the pacifist movement would become the spearhead of non-violent resistance. So here is documentary evidence that the Nazis, ruthless and powerful as they were, feared the prospect of people armed with nothing but their moral convictions.

Laborite Lead Grows

Considerable effort is evident in the American press to create the impression that the Laborite victory in England was a fluke and a result of snap judgment. But further local elections in England have revealed that the swing to the left is deep and genuine. Labor candidates continue to gain in almost every instance — although news of this is ignored by most of the American press.

A & P Swindle

The Justice Department of our government has been trying to force reforms on some of the powerful chain store groups whose monopolistic practices have been doing more to destroy the real free enterprise of our forefathers than have communism and socialism combined. Of course newspapers and radios, because of chain store advertising, tell very little of this to the American public.

Congressman Patman, who led the fight against the powerful chain store lobbies in Washington, recently exposed on the floor of Congress the practices of the great A & P chain whose recent indictment by the Federal government has been fought by every trick and powerful pressure a multi-million dollar corporation and its lawyers can devise.

Congressional Report

Said Congressman Patman in his report to the House:

"During the trial the Department of Justice has presented in evidence 4,445 exhibits, the greater preponderance of which were obtained from the files of this chain corporation. These exhibits show the unscrupulous methods employed to create a monopoly, destroy competition, and show how the company even resorted to short changing, short weighting, and price boosting at the check-out counter.

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May 24, I presented definite figures showing how this company obtained $1,953,000 in 1941 through 'stock gains,' which in more understandable language is through short weights, overcharges, and price - boosting. The government also charged, and produced evidence to that effect, that between 1935 and 1941, $21,714,000 was obtained from patrons of the A & P stores through such practices. Hundreds of letters from this company's files prove these charges, and all with the knowledge of the officials of the company of this practice, over a period of 10 years.

"'Stock gains' are the creation of the chain-store system to promote fictitious profits. It is not possible, for instance, to get 100 pounds out of a sack of sugar, or 50 pounds out of a can of lard. There is heavy shrinkage and spoilage in fresh fruits and vegetables. These are all charged to stores at their full weight or retail value and naturally cause a loss. They are not taken into consideration, but are to be recovered through 'stock gains.' These are achieved in the following manner as charged by the government in the criminal information against the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.:

Stock Gains

"Grocery items are billed to the retail stores by the warehouse at the retail price. No allowance is made for shrinkage, spoilage, waste, etc. Any sums secured on the sale of these items over and above the price billed by the warehouse are "stock gains." They are secured by such practices in the retail stores as short - weighting, short-changing, boosting of prices at check-out counters, etc."

(Between the Lines, upon contacting individual A & P managers, finds that these practices are forced upon individual store managers subtly. He doesn't have to engage in such practices, but he has to make a good showing on the books if he is to keep his job and win promotion. It is an indirect pressure from above which forces the store 'managers to use every possible scheme to make up for the shrinkage the warehouse billing does not allow them.)

Congressman Patman's report goes on to say, "Such gains become an integral part of the rate on which final net earnings of the total A & P operations are based. 'Stock gains' become a part of the integral rate which is manipulated as among different areas to produce lower gross-profit rates in favored areas.

"In addition it [the A & P] obtained $6,400,000 through allowances from manufacturers despite the provisions of the Robinson-Patman Act, after a cease and desist order had been issued by the Federal Trade Commission, which was upheld by the United States Supreme Court. Its stores, the record of the trial shows, were conducted with practically no profit but reliance is placed on subsidiary prof-

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SOCIALIZED HOUSING. Socialized housing is not the only issue as over against private development, the building of private homes is being thrust into the center of the controversy. In spite of denials by business leaders, there is abundant proof that, were it not for government control, a dangerous inflationary movement would dominate new home building meaning that veterans would have to pay $8,000 or more for a $4,000 or $5,000 house. The exorbitant profits in such a case would go to lumber monopolies, contractors and realty and financing operators. The government project to promote the building of small, low cost homes at prices under government control is "socialized housing" to big business spokesmen.

Socialization or not, if government controls were not in force, we would be certain to run through a period of inflation and exploitation that would inevitably end in much more drastic and violent changes than any present government program contemplates. Unfortunately, the history of the reactionaries in capitalism is that they fight reasonable, moderate change until, as a consequence, violent change overtakes them. It is selfishness that destroys capitalism—not socialism.

THE FIGHT AGAINST COOPERATIVES. The national tax group set up by large business and retailing associations to fight and if possible to destroy the cooperative movement in America through what they term "equalization of taxes," is getting quite a surprise. This surprise has completely wrecked the anti-cooperative publicity campaign which was to have filled the press by this time.

The anti-cooperative business groups are finding that cooperatives in America are not all made up of somewhat shabby little grocery store owners, feed store owners and filling station owners in workers' settlements. It is being discovered that the great dairy cooperatives in the mid-west and the citrus growers cooperatives in the west and in Florida are as big and as capitalistic as big business, yet are operating on a profit motive in which the profits are distributed to many instead of reserved for the few.

Also the anti-cooperative groups are getting lessons in the democratic principles underlying our system of taxation. They charge that the cooperatives benefit by discriminatory taxes wherein cooperative capitalistic enterprises have no surplus profits subject to confiscatory government taxes because the profits are automatically passed on to the many associated as consumer-producers in the enterprise. The government answer is that the tax is paid by cooperatives just the same through individual income taxes, and that, if a man or corporation doesn't want to pay a surplus tax on a million dollars that have been earned during the past year, it can be avoided by passing the profits out to the workers and others associated with the enterprise. Then the government will collect the tax through income assessments as it does with the cooperatives!

This matter is being thrashed out in the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. These Congressional committees wield great power and are not subject to the influence of pressure groups.

So progressive democracy as expressed in the cooperative movement will quite likely survive the attack. It is well to remember that in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, Australia and many other progressive countries, the cooperatives are no longer smeared by untrue and warped epithets but have been accepted as a middle way that supports and protects true democratic capitalism from the threat of violent economic changes. Between the Lines is not associated in any way with the cooperative movement. Our interest is entirely from the standpoint of being aware of those forces which are influencing the tides of change and progress.

LOVE THINE ENEMY. This is a doctrine the world has forgotten. Many churches have forgotten it too. But the American Quakers remain steadfast. Quaker representatives are starting publicity campaigns to persuade the American people that we must at least feed the German children who are dying by the thousands. The American Friends Service Committee is already gathering money and clothing to be sent to Quaker relief projects in Germany.

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its, allowances, and 'stock gains.'

"In fact, . . . if it were not for the outside profits, the store operations in 1941 would have been conducted at a loss of $4,199,347. Yet in that year the over-all profit was $26,125,000. Moreover, the court record proves from documents taken from A & P files, that 4,374 stores were operated during 1938 at a net loss, despite short-weighting, overcharging and allowances. In one division as much as 40 per cent of the stores were operated in the red. . . ."

Campaign Against Taxes

The Congressman then describes the fight against the proposal in Congress to place a federal tax on chain stores. Carl A. Byoir was hired to promote a publicity campaign opposing the proposed tax law. He set up Business Organizations, Inc., which in turn set up National Consumers Tax Commission, which set up more than 6,000 "study groups" throughout the country under club leaders. How many of these leaders were paid and how much they got does not appear in the data at hand. The Commission prepared a text book discussing taxes in general.

"The sponsorship of this campaign against 'hidden' taxes was hidden too," said Mr. Patman. "The special fund was obtained by adding 5 points to the sales of each of the A & P divisions. The fund was designated, euphemistically, a 'reserve for national advertising.'

"The propagandists were not satisfied with keeping their A & P connection secret—they lied about it. Thus C. F. Small, who acted as liaison between A & P and Carl Byoir, told one inquirer that 'we do not have anything to do with the operation of the National Consumers Tax Commission'—and that despite the fact that he was the individual who passed on its bills for salaries and expenses."

According to evidence submitted by Congressman Patman, large sums were spent by the A & P to provide wine, women and song for grocery men whom the A & P got down to Washington to testify. Letters describing how a big business corporation paid for high jinks in Washington hotel rooms are available, said Mr. Patman

Thousands of independent grocers, who made good incomes for their families, have been crowded out of business by the unfair and illegal competition of these powerful merchandising monopolies, and in their place poorly paid managers are robbed of the privilege and thrill of working for themselves and are forced into slavish obedience to unfair and illegal practices.

In all of this we have a glimpse of the tactics and methods used by some large corporations to defeat the interests of the people. As we have pointed out often before—these practices are not the sins of capitalism, they are the sins of men whose selfishness and blindness are destroying "the American way."